Harassment by Procurement Officers

28. Sri G. M. MANJUNATHAYA (Somwarpet).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of complaints received by the authorities of Coorg District complaining about harassment by procurement officers in implementing the provisions of (1) the Essential Commodities Act 1955, (2) Mysore Paddy Procurement (Levy) Order, 1966, (3) The Mysore Foodgrains (Declaration of Stocks) Order, 1967 and (4) The Mysore Foodgrains (Requisition of Stocks) Order, 1967 ;

(*b*) the number of them disposed of so far ;

(*c*) the number of these complaints proved to be true and the number of those rejected as not being correct ;

(*d*) the number of prosecutions ended in convictions and the number of them that are still pending trials ;

(*e*) the authority to permit raid and sanction prosecutions ;

(*f*) the number of raids conducted so far ?

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Ten.

(*b*) Nine.

(*c*) None has been found to be true.

(*d*) 7 cases have been launched against growers/Others for offences committed under the several Food Control orders. 6 of them are pending in Courts and one is pending enquiry in with the police.

(*e*) Raids are being conducted according to the power delegated under the various Food Control Orders.

(*f*) One.

Bore Well Drilling Machines

61. Sri I. SOMASEKHARAPPA (Hosanagar).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of Bore Well Drilling Machines in Agricultural Department ;

(*b*) the number of Bore Wells drilled by the Agriculture Department in the State for the last three years (Yearwise figures may be furnished) ;

(*c*) whether the Agriculture Department has the trained personnel for digging bore wells ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) 60.

(*b*)

Year	*No. of Bore Wells sunk*
1965-66	26
1966-67	77
1967-68	97

(*c*) Yes.

District Food Advisory Committees

165. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government has defined the exact duties, responsibilities and powers of the members of the District Food Advisory Committees constituted during 1967;

(*b*) if not, whether Government intend to define the same in clear terms;

(*c*) whether the Government has received any representation from a member of this House, suggesting to better the working of the District and Taluk Food Advisory Committees;

(*d*) if so, the action if any, taken in the matter?

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) The functions of the Committee are of an advisory nature.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Deputy Commissioners of Districts have been directed to see that the meetings are convened every month regularly.

Cottage and small Scale Wool Industries

195. Sri M. BASAVARAJU (K. R. Nagar).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent and nature of help and assistance given to Wool Industries (both Cottage and small scale) by Government during the last 3 years (yearwise details may kindly be given);